

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-6 and 21-29 are pending in the subject application. By the instant amendment, claim 29 is canceled. Claims 1 and 24 are independent.

Claims 1-6 and 21-28 are presented to the Examiner for further prosecution on the merits.

A. Introduction

In the outstanding Office action, mailed January 30, 2006, the Examiner rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kohl et al., “Wafer-Level Packaging Addresses Chip-to-Module Interconnections,” Electronic Packaging & Production, April, 2001 (“the EP&P reference”) in combination with Kohl et al., “Air-Gaps for Electrical Interconnections,” Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters 1(1) 49-51 (1998) (“the ESL reference”), and allowed claims 1-6 and 21-28.

B. Asserted Obviousness Rejection

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the EP&P reference in combination with the ESL reference. By the instant amendment, claim 29 is canceled. Therefore, applicant submits that this rejection is moot and respectfully requests that it be withdrawn.

C. Allowed Claims

Claims 1-6 and 21-28 are allowed. By the instant amendment, the only rejected claim, viz., claim 29, is canceled. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance.

D. Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited, and an early and favorable further action upon all the claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION and
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

This document and any concurrently filed papers are believed to be timely. Should any extension of the term be required, applicant hereby petitions the Director for such extension and requests that any applicable petition fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

If fee payment is enclosed, this amount is believed to be correct. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.

Any additional fee(s) necessary to effect the proper and timely filing of the accompanying-papers may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1645.